

HOUSE BILL 859

By Jernigan

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4;
Title 33 and Title 68, relative to measures to curtail
substance abuse.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. The commissioner of health, in collaboration with the commissioner of mental health and substance abuse services, shall conduct a study of presently available, real-time overdose information databases and mapping tools in use in other jurisdictions. The purpose of the study is to determine whether the statewide use of such system in this state is likely to decrease the occurrence of overdose-related deaths, identify obstacles and challenges to implementing such system statewide, and estimate the costs of and a timeline for implementation. The commissioner of health shall compile a report of findings and recommendations from the study and deliver a copy of the study to the chair of the health committee of the house of representatives, the chair of the health and welfare committee of the senate, and the legislative librarian on or before December 31, 2023.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.